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Fairfield, California – The Superior Court of California, County of Solano is pleased to announce the Old Solano Courthouse was awarded a LEED Silver Certificate for environmental responsibility for the recent renovation of the building.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is one of the most popular green building certification programs used worldwide. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, a strict rating system is required for design, construction, operation, and maintenance for an environmentally responsible building that uses resources efficiently.

The courthouse, originally designed by E.C. Hemmings, is an outstanding example of Beaux Arts architecture expressed in a civic building. The 1911 building served as a functioning courthouse until the 1970's and was returned to a functioning courthouse in September 2014 at a cost of \$29,688,000. The building was donated to the State Judicial Branch from Solano County and Solano County contributed over \$3 million in support of the project to serve the needs of the citizens of Solano County.

As stated by Judge Scott L. Kays, "the LEED Silver Certification was a result of the commitment made by the Court, the architects, the builders, and the County to renovate the Old Solano Courthouse in a manner promoting environmental responsibility, resource efficiency and cost effectiveness. This Certification follows last year's Preservation Design Award from the California Preservation Foundation. The Old Solano Courthouse project has expanded the Court's Fairfield footprint to allow for the expansion of court services and additional judgeships."

The San Francisco-based architectural firm of Hornberger + Worstel, recognized for its achievements in restoration and modernization of historic buildings, designed the project. Plant Construction served as the construction manager.